

EXHIBIT: V.A.

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Susan A. Gendron, Commissioner*

DATE: August 13, 2003

RE: Adoption of School Administrator Assessments Passing Scores

Background: On February 4, 2003, Educational Testing Service (ETS), in cooperation with the Maine Department of Education convened a group of school leaders to serve as a standard setting panel for the School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA). On February 5, 2003, a standard setting panel was held for the School Superintendent Assessment (SSA). Both assessments were provisionally adopted in Chapter 115 by the State Board of Education on January 15, 2003. The standard panels recommended the following passing scores:

SLLA 170
SSA 166

On June 6, 2003, the Department convened a stakeholders group that reviewed the results of and recommendations from the standards setting panels. Following review of the data, and comprehensive discussion, the stakeholders, on June 11, 2003, recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the following passing scores for these assessments:

SLLA 168
SSA 165

Upon adoption of a passing score for the SLLA and for the SSA, the scores will appear in amended regulation Chapter 013.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the passing score of 168 for the School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA) and a score of 165 for the School Superintendent Assessment (SSA).

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